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Raised Bill No. 6582

LCO No. 3169

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-262f of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subdivision (32) as follows:

3 (NEW) (32) "Target aid" means the sum of (A) the product of a
4 town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and the town's total need
5 students for the fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be
6 paid, (B) the product of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the
7 foundation level and the sum of the portion of its total need students
8 count described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of
9 this section for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant
10 is to be paid, and the adjustments to its resident student count
11 described in subdivision (22) of this section relative to length of school
12 year and summer school sessions, and (C) the town's regional bonus.

13 Sec. 2. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-262h of the
14 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
15 thereof:

16 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and each fiscal year
 17 thereafter, a grant in an amount equal to the [sum of (A) the product of
 18 a town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and the town's total need
 19 students for the fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be
 20 paid, (B) the product of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the
 21 foundation level and the sum of the portion of its total need students
 22 count described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of
 23 section 10-262f for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the
 24 grant is to be paid, and the adjustments to its resident student count
 25 described in subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, relative to length of
 26 school year and summer school sessions, and (C) the town's regional
 27 bonus] amount of its target aid as described in subdivision (32) of
 28 section 10-262f, as amended by this act, except that [the] such amount
 29 [so determined] shall be [adjusted] capped in accordance with the
 30 following: (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997,
 31 June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town, the maximum
 32 percentage increase over its previous year's base revenue shall be the
 33 product of five per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked
 34 one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in descending order
 35 to each town's wealth, provided no town shall receive an increase
 36 greater than five per cent. (B) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000,
 37 and June 30, 2001, [June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003,] for each town, the
 38 maximum percentage increase over its previous year's base revenue
 39 shall be the product of six per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the
 40 town ranked one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in
 41 descending order to each town's wealth, provided no town shall
 42 receive an increase greater than six per cent. (C) For the fiscal year
 43 ending June 30, 2002, a grant in an amount (i) determined pursuant to
 44 this subdivision adjusted in accordance with subparagraph (B) of this
 45 subdivision, or (ii) equal to the amount of the grant it received for the
 46 fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, plus fifty per cent of the difference,
 47 whichever is greater. (D) No such [adjustment shall be made] cap shall
 48 be used for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2004] 2003, or any fiscal
 49 year thereafter. (E) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, for each

50 town, the maximum percentage reduction from its previous year's base
51 revenue shall be equal to the product of three per cent and the ratio of
52 each town's wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when
53 all towns are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant
54 shall be reduced by more than three per cent. (F) For the fiscal years
55 ending June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town,
56 the maximum percentage reduction from its previous year's base
57 revenue shall be equal to the product of five per cent and the ratio of
58 each town's wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when
59 all towns are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant
60 shall be reduced by more than five per cent. (G) For the fiscal year
61 ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's grant
62 shall be less than the grant it received for the prior fiscal year. (H) In
63 addition to the amount determined pursuant to this subdivision, a
64 town shall be eligible for a density supplement if the density of the
65 town is greater than the average density of all towns in the state. The
66 density supplement shall be determined by multiplying the density aid
67 ratio of the town by the foundation level and the town's total need
68 students for the prior fiscal year provided, for the fiscal year ending
69 June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's density
70 supplement shall be less than the density supplement such town
71 received for the prior fiscal year. (I) For the fiscal year ending June 30,
72 1997, the grant determined in accordance with this subdivision for a
73 town ranked one to forty-two when all towns are ranked in
74 descending order according to town wealth shall be further reduced by
75 one and two-hundredths of a per cent and such grant for all other
76 towns shall be further reduced by fifty-six-hundredths of a per cent. (J)
77 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter,
78 no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a
79 grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than the
80 amount received under such grant for the prior fiscal year. (K) For the
81 fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no
82 town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a
83 grant pursuant to this subdivision that provides an amount of aid per

84 resident student that is less than the amount of aid per resident
 85 student provided under the grant received for the prior fiscal year. (L)
 86 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter,
 87 no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a
 88 grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than
 89 seventy per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio,
 90 the foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal
 91 year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product
 92 of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of
 93 the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs
 94 (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the fiscal year
 95 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and the
 96 adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision (22)
 97 of said section 10-262f relative to length of school year and summer
 98 school sessions, and (iii) the town's regional bonus. (M) For the fiscal
 99 year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town
 100 whose school district is a transitional school district shall receive a
 101 grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than forty
 102 per cent of the sum of [(I)] (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the
 103 foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal year
 104 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, [(II)] (ii) the
 105 product of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and
 106 the sum of the portion of its total need students count described in
 107 subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the
 108 fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and
 109 the adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision
 110 (22) of said section 10-262f relative to length of school year and
 111 summer school sessions, and [(III)] (iii) the town's regional bonus. (N)
 112 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, any town that does not receive
 113 an adjustment pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision or any
 114 town that receives its full target aid in accordance with this
 115 subdivision shall receive a grant adjusted as follows: the maximum
 116 percentage increase over its previous year's base revenue shall be the
 117 product of five per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked

118 one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in descending order
119 to each town's wealth, provided no such town shall receive an increase
120 greater than five per cent or less than one per cent. (O) For the fiscal
121 year ending June 30, 2003, each town shall receive a grant in an
122 amount that is greater than the amount of the grant it received for the
123 fiscal year ending June 30, 2002. The amount of the increase shall be
124 the greater of (i) the increase resulting from the removal of the cap
125 pursuant to subparagraph (D) of this subdivision, or (ii) the increase
126 resulting from the following adjustment: (I) The maximum percentage
127 increase over its previous year's base revenue shall be the product of
128 five per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked one
129 hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in descending order to
130 each town's wealth, (II) provided no such adjustment shall provide for
131 an increase greater than five per cent or less than one per cent.

132 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To accelerate the removal of the cap in the formula and to provide an increase in the grant for towns that are fully funded under the formula and towns that would not otherwise be eligible for an increase.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]